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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Action is in response to the amendment filed 12/17/2008. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended and no claims have been added or cancelled. Currently, claims 1-10 are pending in the instant application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In the present case, claim 1 recites that the display is mounted “so as not to protrude from the frame”. This is not supported in the specification because as clearly seen from figures 1, 2, and 5, the displays protrude from the top of the frame. Claims 2-10 are dependent on claim 1 and are therefore rejected for the reasons outlined above with respect to claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Phoon et al. (US 2002/0013640).

Regarding claims 1, 5, and 7, Phoon et al. disclose an apparatus for holding anesthesia comprising at least one display (118) and keyboard (120) adjustably attached to a frame (102) so that the display does not protrude from the frame (i.e., the display does not go above the top of the maximum height of the frame nor extend laterally past the widest part of the frame). The apparatus is considered an “anesthesia machine” inasmuch as the apparatus is a machine and is used with anesthesia and is adapted for use in an operating room (paragraph 0015).

Regarding claims 2 and 9, Phoon et al. disclose that the display is adapted for patient monitoring and automated record keeping (paragraph 0015).

Regarding claims 3 and 4, Phoon et al. discloses that the display is able to tilt and move in an up-down direction with respect to the frame (See Figures 4A and 4B).

Regarding claim 10, Phoon et al. discloses computing programs associated for capturing patient preoperative data and operative data (paragraph 0015 and Figure 5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Phoon et al. as applied to claims 1-5, 7, 9, and 10 above and further in view of Tsai (US 6,644,874). Phoon et al. is silent as to the keyboard being waterproof. Tsai discloses a waterproof keyboard (column 1, line 60-column 2, line 10). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the keyboard disclosed by Phoon et al. waterless as taught by Tsai in order to protect the keyboard from water damage that may occur in the operating room.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Phoon et al. as applied to claims 1-5, 7, 9, and 10 above and further in view of Huilgol et al. (US 5,708,561). Although Phoon et al. discloses a mounting arm (124) having one end adjustably attached to the display and the other end adjustably attached to the frame, Phoon et al. is silent as to a horizontal sliding track to provide movement in a fore and aft or left and right movement. Huilgol et al. disclose a computer (display/keyboard assembly) with a horizontal sliding track (56) that is able to provide movement in at least one of a fore and aft or left and right direction depending on the orientation of the mounting arm (see figure 6 and column 5, line 60-column 6, line 10). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided Phoon et al.'s display with a horizontal sliding track as taught by Huilgol et al. in order to allow the computer screen to swivel from a portrait to landscape orientation.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 9/18/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's arguments that Figure 2 of the application illustrates an embodiment having a frame and monitors that do not protrude from the frame, examiner respectfully disagrees. As seen in figure 2, the monitors clearly protrude both above the bottom of the frame (i.e., near 202, 204 reference characters) and through the front of the frame (i.e., the monitors extend beyond the horizontal part of the frame as we look at it from behind in Figure 2). Therefore, examiner is not sure what applicant means from the monitors not protruding from the frame because there is nothing in the specification that clearly identifies how "protrude" is defined with respect to the frame components.

In response to applicant's argument that the station/cabinet of Phoon is not an anesthesia machine, examiner respectfully maintains that there is nothing in the claims specifying what is meant by an "anesthesia machine" or what function the machine must perform. Phoon discloses a machine apparatus that is used with anesthesia and is adapted for use in an operating room (paragraph 0015), thus clearly reading on the language "anesthesia machine."

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

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MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kristen C. Matter whose telephone number is (571) 272-5270. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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